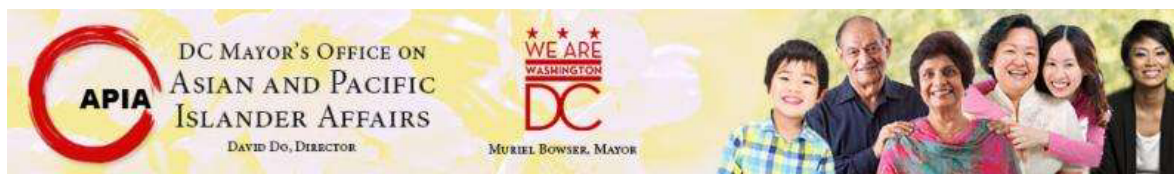


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OAPIA Update Newsletter

Biweekly News Updates from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA)

A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members:

I have had the pleasure of meeting some of you at Mayor Muriel Bowser's Open House last week. If not, I look forward to seeing you at our OAPIA open house tonight from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th St NW.

Additionally, please join me at Mayor Bowser's upcoming [Budget Engagement Forums](#) starting next Thursday, February 19, 2015. These forums are designed as interactive discussions where DC residents can provide input to help shape priorities. As we move forward with a fresh start, it is vital that all of our community's voices are heard, and what better way than through these [forums](#).

And on behalf of the Mayor, I would like to extend warm wishes to each and everyone of you celebrating the Lunar New Year. May everyone and their loved ones achieve good fortune, success, happiness, and health this Lunar New Year!



Warm regards,

David Do
Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

OAPIA in the Community

OAPIA Meets with Small Business Owners



OAPIA Director Do and Community Outreach Assistant Yiyang Guo meet with a carry-out business owner.



OAPIA Director Do, Community Outreach Assistant Kangeun Jeong, and Outreach Coordinator Ngoc Trinh meet with a liquor store owner.

On January 27, 2015, January 29, 2015, and February 6, 2015, OAPIA Director Do and staff met with Asian American and Pacific Islander owned small businesses one-on-one in order to remind them about OAPIA agency services and to address any concerns they may have. OAPIA has been visiting small business owners as part of continued outreach and engagement efforts.

OAPIA Greets Community Members at Mayor Muriel Bowser's Open House



OAPIA interns meeting with allies and supporters during Mayor Bowser's Open House.

OAPIA Director Do and staff joined Mayor Muriel Bowser for a community open house and a fresh start at the John A. Wilson Building on February 2, 2015. All Executive offices in the building were open to the public, allowing the public to meet with the Mayor, the City Administrator, Deputy Mayors, the Mayor's Office of Legislative Counsel, the Mayor's Senior Advisor, and OAPIA, in addition to the other offices within the Wilson Building.

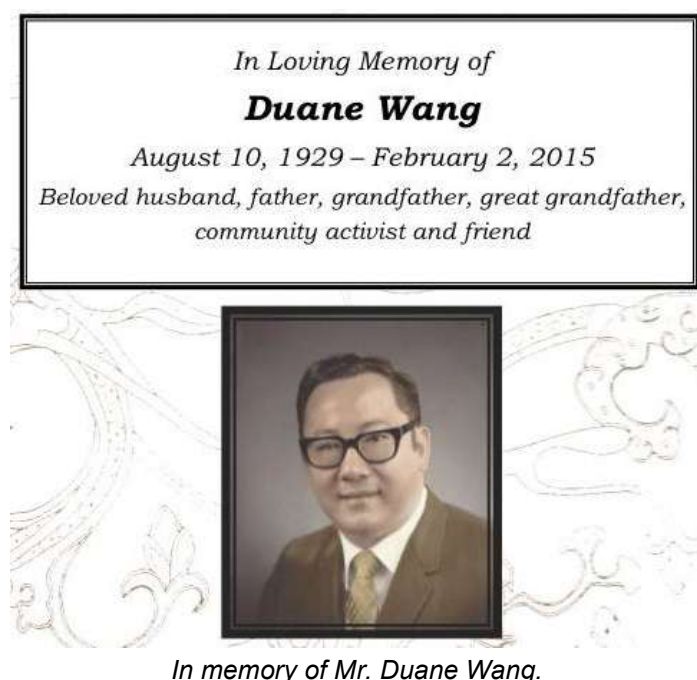
OAPIA Celebrates Lunar New Year at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China



OAPIA Director Do celebrating Lunar New Year at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China.

On February 6, 2015, OAPIA Director Do and staff attended the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States of America's Lunar New Year reception.

OAPIA Mourns Passing of Duane Wang, Chinatown Community Leader
Mr. Wang Was Known As The Mayor Of Chinatown



In memory of Mr. Duane Wang.

(WASHINGTON, DC) - The DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) expressed their profound sadness and mourn the passing of Duane Wang on February 2, 2015 at the age of 88. Duane dedicated his life to community service and activism for over 60 years. In 1987, the late Mayor Marion Barry bestowed upon Mr. Wang the honorary title of "Mayor of Chinatown" in order to recognize his enthusiasm and concern for the DC Chinatown community.

"Duane was a tireless leader in Chinatown, and a steadfast advocate for the welfare of its residents and small businesses, particularly around issues of affordable housing," said David Do, OAPIA Director. "Let us remember his passion, dedication, and love for Chinatown and the District of Columbia."

Mr. Wang was involved in many efforts within the Chinatown community; he served as Chairman of the Chinatown Steering Committee and co-founded the Chinatown Community Cultural Center where he later served as Vice Chair. Mr. Wang also advocated for the establishment of the Asian Liaison Unit of the Metropolitan Police Department in Chinatown to better serve limited English proficient/non-English proficient Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) residents. Additionally, the Chinatown Friendship Archway on 7th and H Street NW was erected in part through his efforts.

Duane Wang is survived by his wife, children, and grandchildren. A funeral service honoring Duane's life was held on Sunday, February 8, 2015 in Brentwood, Maryland. Mayor Muriel Bowser designated February 8, 2015 as a day of remembrance in honor of Mr. Duane Wang.

To express condolences, please contact Linda Wang at liwah2@hotmail.com. For the related [press release](#), please visit [here](#).

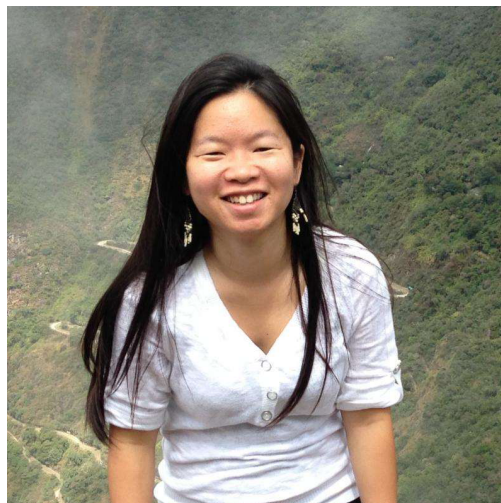
OAPIA Attends United States-China Association of Commerce (USCAC) Lunar New Year Banquet



OAPIA Director Do making remarks at the banquet.

On February 10, 2015, OAPIA Director Do and Community Outreach Assistant Yiyang Guo attended the United States-China Association of Commerce Lunar New Year banquet at New Fortune restaurant in Gaithersburg, Maryland. OAPIA Director Do made remarks at the event.

Spotlight: Jessica Li of the Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP)



Over the past four years, Jessica Li has had the honor of working with some of the strongest and most resilient survivors in our Asian Pacific American (APA) communities. She has witnessed widespread support as everyone stands strong together to say that domestic and sexual violence must end during our lifetimes.

The Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP) has grown substantially over the past two years with the community's support, hard work and dedication. Jessica is confident that DVRP is moving forward and will continue to shape the conversations around addressing domestic violence and sexual assault in APA communities in the wider violence against women movement.

Jessica has recently decided to resign as the Executive Director of DVRP in order to pursue other opportunities. With a firm transition plan in place and the staff at DVRP, DVRP will continue to shine and ensure that survivors continue to get the services that are so desperately needed in our APA communities.

For more information about [DVRP](#) or ways to get involved, please visit [here](#).

February is Black History Month



February is Black History Month or National African American History Month. It is a month set aside to learn, honor, and celebrate the achievements of black men and women throughout history. This celebration began as "Negro History Week." By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses. President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

Here in the District, the DC Mayor's Office on African American Affairs was recently established to tend to the needs and concerns of the African American community. As we mark Black History Month, let us, people of all races, continue the unending journey of our nation toward a more just, more equal, and more perfect nation. OAPIA proudly celebrates Black History Month by continuing to foster stronger community ties between the Asian American and Pacific Islander and African American communities, as well with other communities.

For more information or resources concerning Black History Month, please visit:

- [DC Office of Human Rights: Black History Month 2015](#)

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